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Congratulations to the following family child care providers who, as of July completed the new *Homes of Quality* program, a voluntary program that recognizes providers who achieve higher levels of quality.

There are two levels of quality recognized by the program. *Home of Merit* is achieved by scoring an average of "3" on the Family Day Care Rating Scale (FDCRS), a nationally recognized measure of child care quality. *Home of Distinction* is achieved by an average score of "5" on the instrument. Providers must be able to demonstrate that they provide a rich, interactive learning environment for children that is both healthy and safe.

Congratulations to all for your efforts in providing safe and healthy environments for Georgia's children!

For information about how you can become a home of merit or distinction call our office at 404-657-5560 or visit Child Care Licensing's web site: www2.state.ga.us/departments/dhr/ors . *More information about training for this project on page 3*

Jo C. Cato, Director
Child Care Licensing Section



Homes of Distinction:

Sandra Campbell	Atlanta, GA
Dorothy Carnes	Atlanta, GA
Sandra Cersey	Nashville, GA
Jacqueline Daughtry	Atlanta, GA
Angela Douglas	Atlanta, GA
Tracey Feliciano	Columbus, GA
Delores Green	Atlanta, GA
Jeanette Harvey	Columbus, GA
Mary Hightower	Atlanta, GA
Gail Hosley	College Park GA
Paula Jay	Atlanta, GA
Jacqueline Jordan	Columbus, GA
Annie Lacy	College Park
Hattie MacRowe	Atlanta, GA
Rhonda Moss	Alpharetta, GA
Jynell Muhammad	College Park, GA
Carmen Perez	College Park, GA
Regina Richardson	Atlanta, GA
Mary Shy	College Park, GA
Joy Smart	Nashville, GA
Chrisangela Smith-Andrews	College Park, GA
Atris Stanford	Atlanta, GA
Alice Thomas	Columbus, GA
Wendy Thompson	East Point, GA
Lnita White	Atlanta, GA

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Welcome Renee Parlier- The New Regional Director of the Family Day Care Unit!

The Child Care Licensing Section's Family Day Care Unit welcomes it's new Regional Director, Ms. Renee Parlier. Renee was promoted to Regional Director in March 2002. She is thrilled to be involved with Family Day Care and looks forward to the future of the Unit.

Renee attended college at West Virginia University and studied Social Work and Early Childhood Education. In January 1974 she started her own family day care business. In 1976 she went to work for the State of West Virginia as a Child Care Consultant for the Department of Human Services. In 1982 she began working with Head Start as a Parent Involvement/Social Services Specialist, and supervised ten programs, in 6 counties, that offered center and home based programs. Renee moved to Georgia in 1986 and was the Social Services Worker/Assistant Director for Sheltering Arms/Jere Via Center. She began work with DFCS/Child Protective Services in 1987 in Haralson County Georgia. In 1995 Renee came to work with the Child Care Licensing Section as a Standards Surveyor for the Metro Unit, and later the North West Georgia area. In July 2000 Renee was promoted to Program Consultant for the Family Day Care Unit. She now serves as the Regional Director of the Family Day Care Unit.

Welcome Renee! We look forward to your work with the Family Child Care Unit.
Renee Parlier can be reached at 404-463-1051



Welcome Sara Parks- New Family Day Care Program Consultant for the Family Day Care Unit!

As of May 1, 2002, Ms. Sara Parks was promoted to the position of Program Consultant for the Family Day Care Unit. Sara received a BS from Georgia Southern University in Sociology Social Work in 1979. She began work with the Toombs County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) in 1979. In 1981 Sara was transferred from Toombs county to the Clayton County DFCS. In 1997 Sara began work with the Child Care Licens-

ing section as a standards surveyor in the Family Day Care Unit, serving Clayton, Henry and South Fulton counties. She now serves as the Program Consultant. Sara is proud and pleased with the progress of the unit since its inception.

Welcome Sara!
We look forward to working with you!
Sara Parks can be reached at 404-657-5715

Homes of Quality Orientation Sessions

August 30 – 31, 2002

**Dougherty County
Phoebe Putney Northwest
Room C
2336 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA**

Child Care Resource & Referral of Southwest Georgia at Albany
P.O. Box 1828, Albany, Georgia 31702
Contact: Erika Blalock (229) 889-7222 or 1-800-554-7760
Fax: (229) 889-7013
Email Address: chartergranny@hotmail.com

September 6 – 7, 2002

**Tift County
Abraham Baldwin
Agricultural College
Creswell Hall Training Room
2802 Moore Highway
Tifton, GA 31794
Room Number TBA**

Child Care Resource and Referral of South Central Georgia at Tifton
P.O. Box 243, Tifton, Georgia 31793
Contact: Jerry Walker (229) 382-9919 or 1-888-893-4582
Fax: (229) 382-3749
Email Address: jwalker@friendlycity.net

September 27 – 28, 2002

**Clayton County
Clayton County Community
Services Authority
1000 Main Street
PO Box 1808
Forest Park, GA 30298-1808**

Child Care Resource & Referral of Metro Atlanta
Quality Care for Children
50 Executive Park Suite 5015, Atlanta, GA 30329
Contact: Laura James (404) 479-4184 or 1-800-558-4804
Fax: (404) 479-4166
Email Address: laura.james@qualitycareforchildren.org

October 4 – 5, 2002

**Muscogee County
Columbus College
4225 University Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31907
Room Number TBA**

Child Care Resource & Referral of West Georgia at Columbus
4225 University Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31907
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Email Address: shaw_lisa@colstate.edu

October 18 – 19, 2002

**Sumter County
Cooperative Extension Office
358 Ricker Street
Americus, GA 31709**

Child Care Resource & Referral at West Georgia at Americus
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Email Address: visions@sowega.net

Nov 1 – 2, 2002

**Houston County
Middle GA Technical College
Building A
80 Cohen Walker Drive
Warner Robbins, GA**

Child Care Resource & Referral of Middle Georgia at Macon
905 Main Street, Macon, Georgia 31217
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Dec 13 – 14, 2002

**Fulton County
Quality Care for Children
50 Executive Park
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Persons wanting to participate in Homes of Quality should register for an orientation session through the contact person listed.

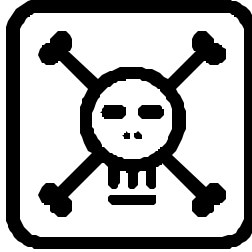
For more information or for other questions: contact the Child Care Licensing Section at 404-657-5560.

July, 2002
Child Care Licensing Section;

Provider Alert!

Since January 2002, the Child Care Licensing Section has investigated eight deaths of children that occurred in family child care settings. Several of these were due to natural causes and were not preventable. However, in at least five of these situations, rule violations were found that were associated with the death, resulting in the home's closure. Each death occurred within the first two weeks of care.

There were several common threads in these situations that I want to call to your attention:



1. Children, especially infants **must be closely supervised** while asleep and awake. Supervision means that you are checking on a sleeping infant frequently- and this means more than just a look across the room! The risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is very high for infants in their first year. You must get close enough to make sure a sleeping baby is breathing. Check on sleeping babies at least every fifteen minutes, and more often if the baby is not feeling well.
2. A **safe crib** with a firm mattress must be provided for each infant in care. **Don't** put babies to sleep on adult beds, couches, waterbeds or other soft surfaces. There should be no pillows, stuffed toys or loose bedding in the crib. If you use a blanket or an other covering, make sure that baby's feet are at the bottom of the crib, the covering is no higher than the baby's chest, and the covering is tucked in around the crib mattress.
3. In multi-level homes, the provider and children should all be on the same level. This makes supervision easier. If this isn't possible, talk to your surveyor about a safe supervision plan for your home.
4. Anyone who substitutes for you or who helps you must be aware of the state regulations and your home's policies and procedures. They must know about any health situations related to individual children, feeding plans for infants, medications any children are taking, allergies, where emergency contact

information for children is kept and must know what to do in an emergency if you are absent. As the registered family child care provider, you and you alone are responsible for all children enrolled and staff involved in your business. Even when you have a substitute, you are the responsible party.

5. It is **critical** to get enrollment information on all new children **before** they start care. You must get feeding plans for infants, health and allergy information and all the other basics required by the rules. **Never** accept a child with the understanding that the "paperwork will come later."

If you don't have this information, you are not prepared to care for the child.

6. Attend at least the ten required training hours each year. There are many excellent training classes available statewide that can help improve and maintain your skills. Consider attending one of the free classes we provide on the rules and regulations. (See current schedule on page 7)
- If you have trouble finding training, contact your surveyor or your local Resource and Referral Agency.

Lack of attention to basic safety regulations can have serious consequences. I hope you will recommit to reviewing you own practices and those of your helpers and substitutes. When surveyors from our office visit your home, they often make suggestions about how to best correct rule violations so that the environment is safer for children. Unfortunately, they've usually gained this knowledge as a result of investigating tragic situations. Use your surveyor as a resource. Contact your local Resource and Referral Agency for technical assistance. WE must all continue to work together to make all child care environments safe!

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Child Care Licensing Section– Family Day Care Unit

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Congratulations to Homes of Distinction and Merit! continued

Homes of Merit:

Zelbra Biggers	Columbus, GA
Janice Brown	Atlanta, GA
Lillie Goode	Atlanta, GA
Gabriel Jones	Columbus, GA
Nettie McClure	Columbus, GA

Congratulations to all!

Free Training Calendar

**Contact Care Solutions, Inc. to get a
copy of the
Georgia Child Care and Education
Training Calendar
for additional state wide training
information**

www.caresolutions.com

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Georgia Association on Young Children

2002 Annual Conference October 11, & 12 2002

Gwinnett Civic and Cultural Center

For information

Call 404-222-0014 or

gayconline.org

Family Child Care Training Project– Training Calendar

September 28, 2002—GSAMS Teleconference Training

**Free
Training!**

Atlanta, GA Georgia State University

Albany, GA Darton College

Tifton, GA Abraham Baldwin College

Macon, GA Macon State College

Savannah, GA Coastal Georgia Center

Waycross, GA Waycross College

Rome, GA Floyd College

Sessions Offered September 28, 2002

8:45 AM—12:15 PM *Family Day Care Rules and Regulations (Part A)*

12:45—4:15 PM *Look Before You Leap—Opening a Group Day Care Home in Georgia*



Additional Free Training Class Locations & Dates

Morning Session = Family Day Care Rules and Regulations 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Part A– Rules Review with focus on Safety Procedures and Home Environment

Part B– Rules Review with focus on Discipline Procedures and Paperwork Requirements

September 14, 2002

Dublin, GA

Family Day Care Rules *Part A*
9:00—12:00

Look Before You Leap
1:00—4:00 PM

October 5, 2002

Americus, GA

Family Day Care Rules *Part A*
9:00—12:00

Look Before You Leap
1:00—4:00 PM

Dalton, GA

October 26, 2002

Family Day Care Rules *Part A*
9:00—12:00

Look Before You Leap
1:00—4:00 PM

November 16th FDC Part B

November 9, 2002

Augusta, GA

Family Day Care Rules *Part A*
9:00—12:00

Look Before You Leap
1:00—4:00 PM

Family Child Care Training

Class Registration Form

Classes are FREE!

Date and Location of Class Registering for _____

I plan to attend the _____ morning session only _____ afternoon session only _____ both sessions offered

Name _____ State registration number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Food program name _____ Do you care for DFCS Children? _____ How many? _____

Confirmation and directions to the training site will be mailed to all who pre-registered for a class. Mail Registration to:

Home Grown Kids Inc. Family Child Care Training Project 3605 Sandy Plains Road Suite 240-171 Marietta, GA 30066 770-517-6011

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GELI EXPANDS!

The Georgia Early Learning Initiative (GELI) began its second year in July, 2002 by expanding its tiered reimbursement and technical assistance components. Houston, Berrien Tift, Sumter, and Clayton counties were added. Fulton, Dodge, Laurens, Muscogee and Schley counties continue their participation from GELI's first year. In addition, a special technical assistance program was funded in Athens, Georgia. If you live in any of these counties, you will be hearing from the local partnerships that are implementing these programs. You may also want to visit GELI's web site: www.geli.org

INCENTIVES and T.E.A.C.H. continue to be available statewide. Through INCENTIVES, providers may earn salary supplements for improving their education or achieving certification. T.E.A.C.H. provides scholarships to help eligible providers to back to school. For more information you can reach:

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